

EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM

Mission: The excess property (EP) program, managed by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), permits DoD to make available, prepare and transport non-lethal excess property to foreign countries when requested by the Combatant Commanders (CoCom). 10 U.S.C. section 2557 authorizes the EP program while section 2561 authorizes preparation, transportation, and provision of EP to foreign countries.

Through the EP program, DoD donates and distributes property excess to its needs to contribute to US government efforts to avert humanitarian crises, promote democratic development and regional stability and enable countries to recover from conflict. This program can also be used to forestall acute crises and therefore minimize the need to deploy US forces.

Examples of excess property typically provided include clothing, furniture, medical / school equipment and supplies, vehicles, tools, and construction equipment.

Excess property made available for humanitarian relief purposes are transferred from the DoD to the host nation American Embassy, who is responsible for the distribution to the intended recipient (normally a host nation government ministry, a charitable-type organization, or a non-governmental organization (NGO)).

DSCA Responsibilities: DSCA manages the non-lethal excess property program through the geographical combatant commanders and the Defense Components, to include selection, screening, pre-positioning, storage, refurbishment, and shipment of material. DSCA has established a consolidated excess property warehousing activity in Albany, Georgia to manage all excess property activities, assuming all roles formally accomplished by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). There are also EP warehouse facilities in Germany and Japan.

HDM Responsibilities: The HDM staff work with the combatant commanders, State, USAID, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), OGC, OASD (ISA), the Joint Staff, and OASD/SOLIC to facilitate the review, approval, designation, transportation, and delivery process. Once project requests are submitted and approved, funds are provided to the geographical commanders for EP activities including the cost of transportation, maintenance, program management, and other operating expenses associated with the movement of EP to the recipient country. The consolidated EP facilities in Albany, Georgia, Germany and Japan, prepare the property for shipment for recipients.